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somewhat a difference of opinion between the Executive and the budget and I presume other Senators. May I have order Mr. President. This is important. At least I think it is.

SPEAKER: Will the body please come to order.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And this deals with millions of dollars, and we are now at a point whether we want to, to make up our mind collectively between the Executive and this body, and I don't think it makes any difference who has the final say, it's a matter of good government, as to what machines we are going to continue to buy, whether we are going to mix them up, and by that I mean have Honeywell and IBM and RCA, whatever is available depending upon who can sell what, whether or not we are going to attempt to make all the systems within the state of Nebraska, and even down to the local areas of the counties where they have these machines, make this whole system compatible with each other. Everyone without any sense of direction on his own responsibility has gone afield and has done, I presume, what he thought was the best thing to do at that particular time. It seems to me that this country and this world of ours is going to be computer oriented. Everything eventually is going to go through a computer. This for example if it's done as it should be, anybody who has a computer in any county can contact the state almost immediately to get any information they want to pertaining to coordination and cooperation of the state Government. Now some time ago the Executive Board directed a Chairman to hold a hearing, which we did, and then they directed me to bring about the meeting of the minds of these people who were supposed to have done

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